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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Group Art Unit: 3643

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Examiner: Robert P. Swiatek

Serial No.: 10/718,791

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For: A FEED METERING AND ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION DEVICE WITH

LOAD SENSOR AND CLOSING MEANS

Docket No.: 8553/212b

AMENDMENT

To the Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 6, 2004 in the above-identified Application, please amend such Application as follows:

Please amend the Application as set forth on page 2 of this Amendment to conform to the Substitute Specification for this Application appended hereto. Also appended hereto are two marked-up copies, the first marked-up copy being to the Specification as filed, and the second marked-up copy indicating further amendments to the Specification as shown in the first marked-up copy.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which commence on page 3 of this Amendment.

Remarks commence on page 5 of this Amendment.

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